

## **The Caledonia Housing Group - Annual Assurance Statement 2022**

The governing bodies within Caledonia Group have reviewed a wide-ranging bank of evidence in the assessment of compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements in preparing the Annual Assurance Statement for 2022. The information reviewed included: Board reports, performance and financial information, improvement and implementation plans from working groups and sub-committees, internal and external audit reports, and reports from other external advisors.

The governing bodies confirm that the Group and each of the individual associations (Caledonia and Cordale) are compliant with:

- Regulatory requirements in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Statutory obligations relating to tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

### **Impact of COVID-19**

Services to tenants and services users have been re-instated and the governing bodies are assured that there are no material areas of non-compliance. There are some elements of service delivery that have not been able to be delivered due to restrictions in access and/or availability of materials this relates to:

- Annual Gas Safety Checks - there were a very small number of properties where the annual safety check was not able to be carried out due to access issues. All gas safety checks have now been completed.
- Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) - there are currently 704 properties that do not have a valid EICR. Arrangements are in place to complete this work, subject to securing access to the relevant properties.
- Installation of Smoke and Heat Detectors - there are currently 340 properties where work has been unable to be carried out due to a shortage in supplies. A programme for completion of this work is in place subject to securing access to the relevant properties.

### **Continuous Improvement**

Caledonia Group has adopted an approach that is based on continuous improvement. The actions from the previous improvement plan have been implemented with one action carried forward. The current improvement actions that have been agreed will further strengthen governance, communication with stakeholders and our approach to equalities and human rights, which we are continuing to develop.

### **Compliance Status**

There are no significant areas of non-compliance identified with the Regulatory Framework. We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to do so.

This statement is provided for and on behalf of Caledonia Housing Association Group. The statement has been considered by a Short Life Working Group and each of the governing bodies in the Group have approved the statement.

I have been authorised by the respective governing bodies to sign this Annual Assurance Statement on behalf of the Group.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Alan Nairn  
Chair of Caledonia Housing Association